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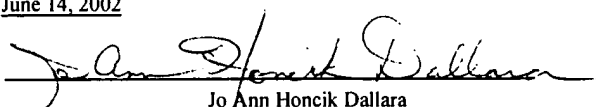
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MICHEL GILBERT et al.

Application No.: 09/211,691

Filed: December 14, 1998

For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR USE IN
ENZYMATIC SYNTHESIS OF
OLIGOSACCHARIDES

Examiner: Rao, Manjunath

Art Unit: 1652

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks. Applicants also thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of finality of the previous rejection.

REMARKS

In order to expedite prosecution Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the following species: an isolated nucleic acid that encodes a fusion protein